

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 1999-481-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0231

MARCH 7, 2000

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Tel-Link, LLC and Tel-Link of Florida, LLC Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.	)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION FOR ARBITRATION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Motion for Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth").

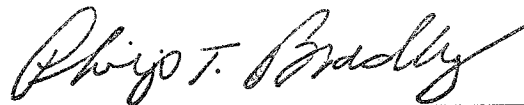
On November 30, 1999, BellSouth filed with this Commission a Petition for Arbitration of an interconnection agreement with Tel-Link, LLC and Tel-Link of Florida, LLC (collectively referred to as "Tel-Link"). BellSouth filed its Petition pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"). By its Motion filed February 14, 2000, BellSouth moves to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration. BellSouth informs the Commission that the parties no longer need an interconnection agreement and that, accordingly, BellSouth moves to withdraw its Petition for Arbitration.

Upon consideration of BellSouth's Motion, the Commission finds and concludes that the Motion for Withdrawal of Petition for Arbitration should be granted. As the parties no longer require an interconnection agreement, the Commission finds no reason to proceed with the arbitration schedule previously established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. BellSouth's Petition for Arbitration requesting arbitration of outstanding issues with Tel-Link is withdrawn.
2. The arbitration schedule established by Order No. 2000-0041 dated January 11, 2000, and subsequently modified by Order No. 2000-0121 dated February 2, 2000, and Order No. 2000-0134 dated February 8, 2000, is cancelled. Further, the hearing set for this matter is also cancelled.
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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